

Political Organization  
Notice of Section 527 Status

OMB No. 1545-1693

Part I General Information

1 Name of organization PRESTON GATES & ELLIS CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE		Employer identification number <del>91-0534064</del>
2 Mailing address (P.O. Box or number, street, and room or suite number) 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5000		91-2078929
City or town, state, and ZIP code Seattle, WA 98104-7078		
3 E-mail address of organization none		
4a Name of custodian of records Richard D. Ford	4b Custodian's address 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5000 Seattle, WA 98104-7078	
5a Name of contact person Richard D. Ford	5b Contact person's address same as above	
6 Business address of organization (if different from mailing address shown above). Number, street, and room or suite number OGDEN, UT		
City or town, state, and ZIP code		

Part II Purpose

7 Describe the purpose of the organization  
To make contributions to state and local candidates for political office or  
other political campaigns, without regard for party affiliation.

Part III List of All Related Entities (see instructions)

8a Name of related entity	8b Relationship	8c Address
N/A		



**PRESTON GATES & ELLIS CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE**  
**701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5000**  
**Seattle, WA 98104-7078**

October 4, 2000

Internal Revenue Service Center  
Ogden, Utah 84201

**Re: Form 8871 Filing**

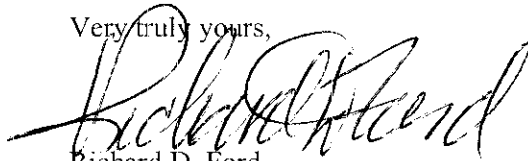
Dear Sirs:

We are filing this report because it appears that such a filing may be mandatory --even if totally unnecessary and purposeless. We also note that your regulations governing the filing were issued after the date the reports were supposed to be initially filed. We wish to be responsible citizens but this regulatory misbehavior after the fact is a test of patience and common sense.

Please note that Preston Gates & Ellis PAC is registered with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission. All receipts and disbursements are reported on a regular basis to the PDC and any citizen (and the IRS) can access the reports via the PDC web site. The revenues of the PAC are derived solely from contributions of partners of Preston Gates & Ellis. The amount of each partner's annual contribution is reported on his or her K-1 forms as income, and is therefore subject to tax. In other words, the IRS already has all the information we are providing in this filing.

We would hope that the IRS would do what it can to eliminate this wasteful duplication. We fully agree that any dollars going to political campaigns should be taxed, and there should be disclosure. We are already doing both. Can't we make one set of reports serve the public interest? Frankly, this sort of regulation will have only the effect of undermining support for the Service among the public.

Very truly yours,



Richard D. Ford  
Treasurer

Preston Gates & Ellis Continuing Political Committee

Enclosure

cc: Washington State Congressional Delegation

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